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Résumé en anglais	<p><b>Background:</b> Leukemic cell adhesion to proteins of the bone marrow microenvironment provides signals which control morphology, motility and cell survival. We described herein the ability of ethoxyfagaronine (etxfag), a soluble synthetic derivative of fagaronine, to prevent leukemic cell adhesion to fibronectin peptide (FN/V).</p> <p><b>Methods:</b> Phosphorylation of fak and pyk2 were evaluated by immunoblotting. Labelled proteins were localized by confocal microscopy. PI 3-kinase activity was evaluated by in vitro kinase assay.</p> <p><b>Results:</b> Subtoxic concentration of etxfag reduced L1210 cell adhesion to FN/V dependently of <math>\beta 1</math> integrin engagement. Etxfag impaired FN-dependent formation of <math>\beta 1</math> clustering without modifying <math>\beta 1</math> expression at the cell membrane. This was accompanied by a decrease of focal adhesion number, a diminution of fak and pyk2 phosphorylation at Tyr-576, Tyr-861 and Tyr-579, respectively leading to their dissociations from <math>\beta 1</math> integrin and inhibition of PI 3-kinase activity. Etxfag also induced a cell retraction accompanied by a redistribution of phosphorylated fak and pyk2 in the perinuclear region and lipid raft relocalization.</p> <p><b>Conclusion:</b> Through its anti-adhesive potential, etxfag, combined with conventional cytotoxic drugs could be potentially designed as a new anti-leukemic drug.</p>
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